

VIDEO Vibes

Runaway success!

JON VOIGHT and Russian director Andrei Konchalovsky make a gripping combination in *Runaway Train*, a new release from RCA-Columbia Pictures-Hoyts Video.

Set against the harsh backdrop of an Alaskan winter, the film follows the escape from prison of a hardened criminal named Manny (Jon Voight), who has spent three years in solitary confinement.

Accompanying him is another prisoner, Buck (Eric Roberts). Together they make their way through frozen wilderness to a rail terminal for goods trains where they board a south-bound locomotive.

While they hide in the train, the driver has a heart attack and dies ... and the train goes hurtling off to an uncertain fate.

Hot on their trail is the malevol-

ent and sadistic prison governor, Ranken.

Andrei Konchalovsky was acclaimed in the late Seventies for his Cannes Film Festival award-winning film *Siberiade*. Made at a cost of \$12 million, it was the most lavish film ever produced in Russia. In *Runaway Train*, he extracts incredible tension and drama from the situation.

He also extracts great performances from his leading men and actress Rebecca De Mornay as a young railway worker unwittingly caught up in Manny and Buck's desperate bid for freedom.

Previously, Konchalovsky — son of Sergei Mikhlov, a poet and writer of children's verse, great-grandson of great Russian painter Vasili Surikov and grandson of acclaimed 20th century impressionist painter Pyotr



Konchalovsky — had a distinguished career in Russia. His films won numerous awards. Then in 1979 he was given permission to live in France with his French wife and their daughter.

As a film director his reputation is that of a man highly tuned to the motivations and feelings of characters. His philosophy is simple.

"I have to have the answers ... or pretend to have them!"

Freeze Frames

THE Australian Children's Television Foundation has entered the video market with the sale of its eight-part series *Winners* — screened locally by Network Ten — to CBS-Fox. It will be released next year.

EDWARD ASNER, Lorne Greene and Robbie Benson are just some of the stars who have lent their voices to *The Greatest Adventure Stories From The Bible*, a series of videos being released in Britain by Hanna-Barbera (the animation was actually done in Australia at HB's Sydney studios).

COMING ATTRACTIONS: Russell Mulcahy's fantasy *Highlander*, Woody Allen's *Hannah And Her Sisters* and Arnold Schwarzenegger's *Raw Deal*.

Grace goes for the throat

THEY don't call her *Amazing Grace* for nothing...

Model-turned-singer Grace Jones has distinguished herself as a performer and actress as much for her abilities as for her always fascinating appearance.

And it proves to be a deadly fascination in the new release video *Vamp* (Roadshow), in which she co-stars with Chris Makepeace, Sandy Baron, Dedee Pfeiffer (Michelle's sister) and Gedde Watanabe.

Grace plays Katrina, leader of a group of vampires who run a seedy nightclub — the After Dark Club — where they prey on the men who come to watch the club's exotic dancers in action.

It's a stylish mix of horror,



fantasy and comedy.

Grace certainly had plenty to keep her from becoming bored. She created her own make-up and clothes for the role of Katrina.

In *Vamp*, Grace has the opportunity to show off her sensual dance style when she performs a startling routine.